



Common  
Thread  
Quilt  
Club

# The Common Thread Chronicle

## Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 9th  
6:30 p.m.

Holiday party and  
gift exchange

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## Sew Night at Pat's

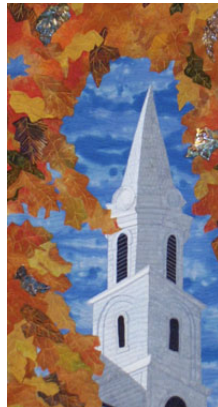
There will be no Friday  
Night Sew at Pat's this  
month. Happy holidays!

**Fat Quarter Lottery**  
Theme:  
Reds!

## Website Review

**Sarah Ann Smith**

[www.sarahannsmith.com](http://www.sarahannsmith.com)



detail - Autumn in New England

Hundreds of journal quilters are posting images of their small quilted pages online these days. One of my favorite sites is that of Sarah Ann Smith who lives and quilts in my home state of Maine. Sarah Ann is a warm and friendly artist who responds to emails from strangers (like me!) who visit her site, and she has some amazing quilts in her galleries at [www.sarahannsmith.com](http://www.sarahannsmith.com), including a series of journal quilts done over several years. I enjoyed looking at these and seeing how her quilt journal entries differed from month to month and year to year. (Click on the journal page images to see a description of how each was inspired.) In 2004, Sarah Ann's journals seemed to be autobiographical, in 2005 she focused on life changes and finding hope in tragedies, and in 2006 she did a color study series. In a series of postcard quilts and a larger collection she calls "The Body Electric", Sarah did a colorful quilted study of the human form. As we all prepare for our first journal challenge in 2009, check out Sarah Ann Smith's website for ideas and inspiration.

## December Meeting

At our December meeting we will be having our annual holiday party and gift exchange. Bring a snack to share and a gift of around \$15.00. We will provide drinks.

## Quilt Photos

If you didn't pick up your cards at the November meeting, Heather #3 will have them available at the December meeting. Don't forget to bring your money. You can view all the photos and order additional items directly from Heather's website:

<http://heatherthigpenphoto.smugmug.com/Quilting/572828>

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The Common Thread Quilters are a quilt group based in Parker, Colorado. Meetings are held at 6:30pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at:

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More information about the group can be found at our website:

[www.geocities.com/commonthreadquilters](http://www.geocities.com/commonthreadquilters)

Contributions to the newsletter should be sent by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month to:

[commonthreadquilters@yahoo.com](mailto:commonthreadquilters@yahoo.com)

## Block of the Month

Don't forget to bring your Star to the December meeting!

<http://www.geocities.com/commonthreadquilters/BOM.html>

Please contact Jane at [quiltah@comcast.net](mailto:quiltah@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

## Pie Contest

Congratulations to our winners of the November pie contest. Our fruit pie winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> - Judy Potts, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Heather Thigpen, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Shirley Shannon. Our other pie winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> - Sharon Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mary Walker, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Heather Meyer. Sharon Thompson has graciously agreed to collect recipes for the pies that were at the meeting. If you're willing to share your pie-baking secret e-mail the recipe to Sharon at [eagle2river@msn.com](mailto:eagle2river@msn.com).



## Sisters in Stripping

Don't forget to bring your completed sisters in stripping form to the December meeting. Please talk to Sally or Pat for more information.

## The Votes Are In

As you are aware, the Parker Fire Headquarters will not be available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month for our meetings starting in January. A vote by the membership determined that the majority of the group would prefer to stay at the Fire Headquarters building and move our meeting dates to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. This change will begin in January.

## A Note from Judi

Oh My Gosh! It's December already!!! My younger son and his family are coming for Thanksgiving and then it's back to GA for Christmas. I do have my Angel Tree gift but nothing else. ARGH!

I wanted to thank Katie again for chairing last year's silent auction. Unfortunately, she can't do it this year. Is there anyone willing to chair this event? We have it scheduled for June.

As you shop for the holidays, remember your angel tree gift and a \$15-20 item for the club's gift exchange. Judi

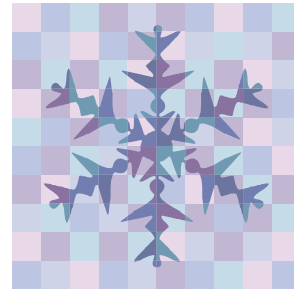
# Calendar of Events

## December 2008

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm  
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 8<sup>th</sup> – **Happy Birthday, Genia Hodenpel!**
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm
- ✓ Holiday party and gift exchange
  - ✓ Show and Tell: Snowman Quilts
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday Sew Day/Journal Challenge Class
- ✓ 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 17<sup>th</sup> – **Happy Birthday, Diane Zirin!**
- 18<sup>th</sup> – **Happy Birthday, Mary Frances Smith!**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Happy Birthday, Samantha Horoschak!**
- 29<sup>th</sup> – **Happy Birthday, Sharon Erwin!**
- No sew night at Pat's. Happy holidays!

## January 2009

- 8<sup>th</sup> - Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm  
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Shop Hop – headed north
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm
- ✓ Button Society guest speaker
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Happy Birthday, Randy Shickle!**
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Sew Night at Pat's



## February 2009

- 5<sup>th</sup> - Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm  
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 9<sup>th</sup> – **Happy Birthday, Sonya Rosenthal!**
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm
- ✓ Locker hooking by Katie Shannon
- 11<sup>th</sup> – **Happy Birthday, Joyce Cayo!**
- 14<sup>th</sup> – February workshop
- ✓ Table runner with Carolyn McCormick
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Sew Night at Pat's

## March 2009

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Happy Birthday, Donna Genitempo!**
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm  
at Park Meadows Mall Food Court
- 8<sup>th</sup> – **Happy Birthday, Kim Womack!**
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Common Threads Meeting 6:30pm
- ✓ T-shirt quilts by Diane Zirin
- 16<sup>th</sup> – **Happy Birthday, Jean Williams!**
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Sew Night at Pat's
- 29<sup>th</sup> – **Happy Birthday, Ethel Swartley!**



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## Show and Tell

Thank you to everyone who showed us their beautiful work during the November meeting.

Ethel - Ethanol Quilt

Charlotte - Paper-pieced Poinsettias

Diane - Fat Quarter Shuffle Baby Quilt

Judy - Animals in Bed Row Quilt

Sharon V - Son's Star Quilt

Debby - Autumn Row Quilt

Linda - Christmas Quilt

Shirley - Patchwork bag, Betty Boop 4-patch posies

Mary - Star tablerunner, Halloween and Christmas pillows

Sandy - USA Row Quilt

Judi - WWI Poppies memorial quilt

## Angel Tree

Please don't forget to bring your angel tree gifts to the December meeting. Gifts should be wrapped and be sure to put the Family # on the package somewhere visible. Please contact Shirley or Heather #1 if you have any questions.

## Journal Challenge/December Saturday Sew Day

2009 Challenge---The past 4 years we have done challenges that are similar....the concept of exchanging a project with other members. This year we are changing and offering a project for you to do yourself and we call it the Journal Pages Challenge. There is only one rule.....your project cannot be larger than 9" x 12" and you can use either a portrait or landscape position.

Each month you will be given a theme due the following month. You may use any technique, any color, any pattern, any embellishments you want in order to interpret the theme. We do want to show and tell them the way we shared previous challenges but there will be no exchanges.

By committing to one small item a month, you will be spending no more time than a row, a round robin, or a block of the month.

In an effort to help with this new concept, Debby McCloud, Sharon Thompson and Judi Maxwell will be available the morning of our Dec 13th Sew Day...9:30-11:30 at the FD. We will share ideas, show you some of the embellishments available, answer questions, and make suggestions.

And, for your quilt shop pleasure, we will leave about 12-12:30 and drive down to Wild Heather in Monument. Wild Heather is not a traditional quilt store; she has lots and lots of projects considered artsy and lots and lots of cool stuff to add to your art quilt.

We may want to "grab" lunch on our way out of town, or drive to Monument and have lunch at a lovely tea shop down there. I'll email closer to the December meeting with specifics.

## December Meeting Checklist

\_\_\_\_\_ Show and Tell (snowman quilts)

\_\_\_\_\_ Block of the month

\_\_\_\_\_ Nametag

\_\_\_\_\_ Gift for exchange (\$15-20)

\_\_\_\_\_ Angel tree gifts (wrapped with family # visible)

\_\_\_\_\_ Fat quarter for lottery (Reds)

\_\_\_\_\_ Money for quilt cards ordered

\_\_\_\_\_ Sisters in stripping form

\_\_\_\_\_ Snack to share